

Message from Superintendent Ritz

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Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz July 8, 2016

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. As a lifelong educator, I understand the hard work and passion that our educators put forward every day to help our children, school and communities. You can find resources for [Teacher Appreciate Week](#) through the United States Department of Education, the [National Education Association](#), and the [PTA](#).

Finally, the Department has developed guidance for schools focused on changes from the most recent legislative session. You can find the guidance [here](#), for charter schools and student athlete concussion. Please check back for additional updates.

Thank you for everything you do every day for Indiana's children.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, NBCT

Superintendent of Public Instruction



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ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) is working with State Educations Agencies, like

the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), by advising them and listening to them as federal law transitions to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). As we continue to work through USED's rule promulgation of this new law, we will keep schools, teachers and administrators updated on any new finalized items. To follow the progress of this law, USED has provided the public with a WEB PAGE and an FAQ on this transition. We have included it below for you. Thank you and we look forward to working with our stakeholders as we go through this transition. USED ESSA WEB PAGE: [Click Here](#), ESSA FAQ from USED: [Click Here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.



Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

2014 Team Nutrition grant. Two teams from Greater Clark County Schools went head to head, students versus chefs, for the title of CHS Iron Chef and to have their menu featured on the May lunch menu. Family and Consumer Sciences students and School Food Service Staff created standardized recipes, followed the USDA dietary guidelines, and USDA meal pattern requirements in this challenge. Smarter Lunchroom principles were followed to make sure meals were appealing and appetizing to students. See who won in this fantastic showdown! **Watch [Here](#)**

IDOE Memoranda

NEW - IREAD-3 Spring 2016 Results - Next Phase, Additional IREAD-3 results for Spring, 2016 were released to Corporation and School Test Coordinators today through PearsonAccess. These results include the following: Undetermined Status information by test section, an electronic copy of Individual Student Reports; and the Student Data File. It is important to note that summary results, such as passing percentages, are embargoed until released by the Department later this month. However, individual student performance information may be shared with parents now.

NEW - Elementary Reading Plan 2016-17, is due by June 30, 2016. Pursuant to state regulations the State Board of Education is required to request all State Board accredited schools with kindergarten through grade 3 to submit an annual [Elementary Reading Plan](#). Reading Plans should be submitted online to the Department of Education's [web site](#). Principals will utilize their personal school/pin login to access DOE Online.

NEW - A-F Webinar Training Opportunities, Between May 10th and 25th, the Indiana Department of Education will be hosting webinar trainings for school and district leaders on three subjects related to Indiana's new student-centered accountability system. The topics of these webinars include the overall framework of the new accountability system; the growth model used in the accountability system; and understanding the new report card layout for schools and districts. If you would like to participate in a webinar training, you must complete and submit the registration form, accessible on our website [here](#). Please contact schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov if you have any questions regarding the webinars.

NEW - A-F Report Card Release, On May 9th, the Office of School Accountability within the Department of Education will be releasing to each school a Report Card using the new Student-Centered Accountability System and the most complete dataset available (2014-15 school year data). These report cards will allow schools to compare the new accountability system with the old system, and to become familiar with the new report card layout prior to the system being officially used for 2015-16 accountability. These grades are being calculated for demonstrative purposes only, will only be shared with the individual school and/or corporation, and should be considered to be under embargo. Please contact schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov if you have any questions.

NEW - 2016 IDOE Office of School Finance budget workshop, The Indiana Department of Education Office of School Finance will sponsor a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. The workshop will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Pike High School, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. See [attachment](#)

NEW - CCR Bridge Courses - Literacy Ready and Math Ready Course Training in Indiana. The CCR Bridge courses are **two new courses** for students who have completed the minimal requirements (with course grades of C- and/or D) for college preparatory work, but who still need support with the transition to college courses and with testing at the required level on placement assessments. The CCR Bridge courses will help students learn skills necessary to successfully meet the requirements for college-level English and Mathematics courses. You can find the registration link: [Here](#) Questions about literacy should be directed to Jill Lyday at jlyday@doe.in.gov, and questions about math should be directed to Bill Reed at wreed@doe.in.gov.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), The IDOE will release a 21st CCLC program Request for Proposal (RFP) in August 2016. Workshops on the RFP will be held across the state this June. The workshops will discuss the upcoming RFP and Best Practices. You can find dates, locations, and registration at <http://www.doe.in.gov/21stcclc>.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant, Public and charter schools, please be advised that McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant cycle will be open starting April 15, 2016. Please see [attached memo](#) for further details. Please contact Julie Smart, McKinney-Vento State Coordinator, with questions: jsmart@doe.in.gov

The Indiana Teacher of the Year Program (INTOY) is excited to announce the 2017 Teacher of the Year Application. Applications are due *July 11, 2016*. Please review the [INTOY Application Packet](#) and the [INTOY Program](#) documents for further information. The application will also be available on our Indiana Teacher of the Year website <http://www.doe.in.gov/toy>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Teacher of the Year Coordinator, Caitlin Beatson, at cbeatson@doe.in.gov.

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Professional Development

NEW - Schoolhouse News, from the Indiana Association of School Principals, The Indiana Association of School Principals publishes Schoolhouse News, which contains information to keep you up to date and informed on education matters throughout the state. You can find the recent issue here. www.iasp.org/shn/04.29.16.pdf

NEW - IDOE PD Series, The IDOE is pleased to offer regional summer professional development from our Subject Matter Experts. This half-day workshop will cover a variety of topics that will take participants on a deeper dive into their content areas. For more information see the [attached flyer](#).

NEW - Dual Credit Advisory Committee Update: As many schools are aware, high school teachers who are teaching dual credit courses in Indiana must now meet, or make plans to meet by 2022, the recently revised [credentialing guidelines](#), as set forth by the [Higher Learning Commission](#). The Superintendent is co-chair of the Dual Credit Advisory Committee and has provided updates on the most recent meeting. ([see memorandum](#))

Orientation to School Nutrition Management, (5-day training) Is an overview of the management components of school nutrition programs. The target audience includes school nutrition program staff with fewer than 5 years' experience as a director or those who may aspire to be a director, as well as state agency staff, specialists, and trainers. Visit DOE's Training webpage [here](#) and scroll down to Orientation to School Nutrition Management to [register](#).

Indiana School Health conference, June 14th and 15th in Indianapolis for the annual Indiana School Health conference brought to you by the Indiana School Health Network and Covering Kids and Families of Indiana. [Register now](#) Visit www.inschoolhealth.org for the latest information

AP Summer Institute at the Indiana Academy - The Indiana Academy will be hosting an AP Summer Institute on the campus of Ball State University July 11th-14th and July 18th-21st. The workshops are subject-specific and provide teachers with support and training needed to teach AP courses. For more information visit: www.bsu.edu/academy/summer

Indiana State Library's INSPIRE Digital Literacy Resource, [INSPIRE](#) has licensed TeachingBooks.net - a service that enhances your literacy work with instructional and primary source materials about the books and authors your students are reading. To learn more register for INSPIRE Webinars covering a variety of topics including Indiana reading lists, cross curricular resources and more. Details [Here](#) or email accounts@TeachingBooks.net or call [\(800\) 596-0710](tel:(800)596-0710)

Indiana State Fair Field Trips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance classroom curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. Field trips require [pre-registration](#) and 15 or more students of the appropriate grade level of the selected field trip.

Indiana Education Service Centers offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

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Legislative & Policy Updates

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Information from Other Agencies

NEW - The Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Indiana Department of Education are pleased to announce the 2016 College Readiness Reports are available [online](#). Released annually, the reports aim to give local schools and communities a clear picture of student performance early in their college experience and to inform policies that increase college readiness and success. For more information please see [memorandum](#).

NEW - The Department of Workforce Development has released the first edition of their newsletter, *Engage, Align, Advance*, which highlights examples of employer-educator engagement and career readiness work across the state. The newsletter will also include how demand-specific information may be incorporated into the classroom and advising opportunities. To view the first newsletter and to sign up to receive future newsletters, click [here](#).

Butler Volleyball is hosting a [Math Day Event](#) in the fall and the cost is only \$1 per students! We would love to host as many Indiana students as we can get! I will be the event coordinator if anyone has any questions. www.butlervolleyballmathday.weebly.com

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